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PORT IDENTITY DISCOVERY IN HIERARCHICAL  
HETEROGENOUS SYSTEMS

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated March 29, 2005 ("Office Action") and responds as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.